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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Acting Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 2 May and Later

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- B. Soviet ICBM Readiness and Launch on Warning Capability
- 2. The following topics are nominated for the 2 May Presidential Briefing:
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Soviet Compliance with New IIS Fishing

- B. President's Quarterly Report
- 3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

Α.			
	Regulations (OER)		
В.	South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP)	6	June
С.	Covert Communications (OTS)		
D.	Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)		
Ε.	NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR)		
F.	Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)		
G.			
Н.	Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA)	30	May
I.	Estimating SLBM Effectiveness		r
	A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)		
J.	Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE)	9	May
Κ.	Prospects for China after the National		_
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L.	Military Lessons Learned About Performance		•
	of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the		
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- R. Soviet Computer Technology (OWI:OER)
- S. Prospects for Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR)
- T. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954
 Event (OWI)
- U. Cuban Developments (ORPA)
- V. Five-Power Conference on Africa (ORPA)
- W. Pakistan (NIO/NESA)
- X. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- Y. Southern Africa: Rhodesia vs.
 Guerrillas (NIO/AF)
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- -Soviet Forced Labor
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- -Monitoring a CW Ban

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